

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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<b>Inventory No:</b>	EAS.94
<b>Historic Name:</b>	Doane, Simeon House
<b>Common Name:</b>	Benson, Frank W. House
<b>Address:</b>	310R Nauset Rd
<b>City/Town:</b>	Eastham
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	Eastham Center
<b>Local No:</b>	12-011
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	r 1750
<b>Architect(s):</b>	Benson, Frank Weston
<b>Architectural Style(s):</b>	No style
<b>Use(s):</b>	Single Family Dwelling House
<b>Significance:</b>	Architecture; Art; Literature
<b>Area(s):</b>	
<b>Designation(s):</b>	
<b>Building Materials(s):</b>	Roof: Cedar Shingle Wall: Wood Shingle; Wood Foundation: Concrete Cinderblock



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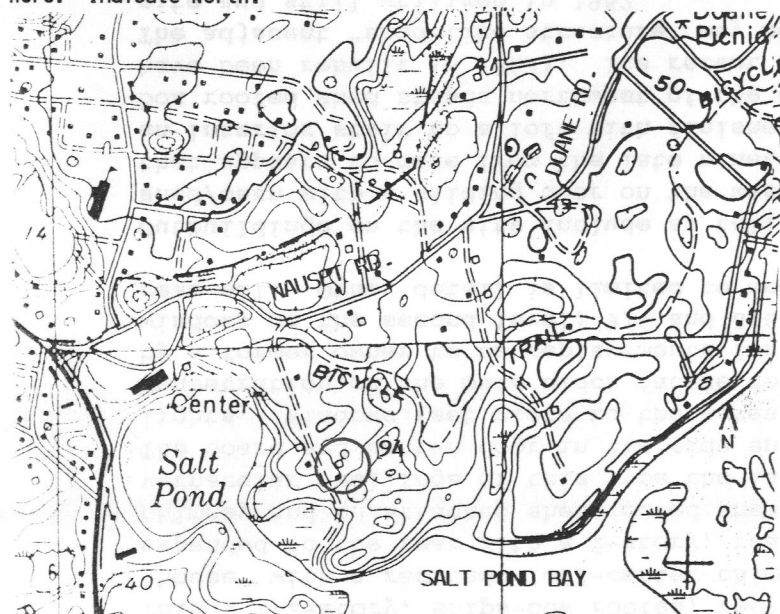
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ect/Builder

or Material:



here. Indicate North.



Foundation Concrete Block

Wall/Trim Shingles

Roof Cedar Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures  
See text.

Major Alterations (with dates)  
See text.

Condition Good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage 4.7 Acres

Setting Located in a sparsely-settled, rural area overlooking Nauset Marsh down a long private road off Nauset Road.

Recorded by: Dianne L. Siergiej  
and Sanford Johnson  
Organization: Commonweal Collaborative

Date: June 1995

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## BUILDING FORM

310R Nauset Road

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION X See continuation sheet.

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

This 1 1/2-story, ships-bow roofed, rectangular, 3 x 3-bay half cape or "house" with a reduced, off-center chimney on the ridge line has been expanded to the rear with a 2-story, rear ell which has a separate, larger chimney and an attached shed-roofed shed to the east. As is typical for vernacular dwellings of this type the lack of detail make its date ambiguous. The board and batten door in the side entry may hide a 6 panel door with top lights. Windows (set close to the eaves on the main block) have plain trim. Fenestration on the main block facade consists of 6/6, double-hung sash (noted by a former owner to be replacements for earlier 6/9 windows) smaller 6/6 windows on the second level; 9/6 and 6/6, double-hung sash are utilized on the rear ell. Other detail is limited to end boards and a boxed, plain cornice.

Outbuildings on the site include a, tall, 1 1/2-story, rectangular, English shed/barn with a sliding door on the west elevation and 6/6, double-hung sash that appears to date from the late nineteenth century. It reputedly contains an interior stair to a loft with finished bedrooms for children. A low, salt-box roofed shed stands northwest of the dwelling (may be a woodshed noted to have been rebuilt in 1962). Its recent re-shingling makes its age unclear. The adjacent "shed-like structure" may be the 2-hole outhouse noted to be on site and still utilized in 1962.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE X See continuation sheet.

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

Nauset Road was a local loop off King's Highway in the north of Eastham built during the Federal Period. By the end of the 1700's, a windmill was located at the west shore of Salt Pond. That mill may be the one moved to Eastham Center. On the 1831 map of Eastham, another windmill is indicated further north on the west side of Nauset Road. These structures indicate a developed agricultural presence at the southern end of Nauset Road. By 1831, a small hamlet was in place at the junction of Nauset Road and King's Highway which included at least one commercial establishment. A school was also located in the neighborhood just south of the windmill. The windmill, which had been run by Isaiah Gill and Freeman Horton, was out of operation and dismantled by 1865.

Local estimates for the date of construction of the property at 310R Nauset Road range from the early to the late eighteenth century. It is one of several Doane houses built along the northern end of Nauset Marsh. Although the house was enlarged with an ell in 1810-1820, it is unclear if it is shown on the 1831 map. As a result, there is some speculation that it may have been moved to this site. Simeon Doane acquired the property in 1822 from multiple owners and gave it as a gift to his son, Benjamin in 1852. Simeon Doane was a descendant of John Doane, one of the

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES X See continuation sheet.

X Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places;  
If checked, see attached National Register Criteria Statement form.

## INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

310R Nauset Road  
Eastham

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## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION (continued)

Boat houses, constructed between 1910 and 1930, were lost in a storm in 1991. The house was wired for electricity, heat and telephone in 1955, and windows were altered in 1988. Frank Benson painted murals of six, life-size geese on the interior of the cabin in 1925.

## HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (continued)

original settlers of Nauset (Eastham) from Plymouth. Benjamin owned the house until 1884, after which it passed to Elizabeth and Sarah Doane (relationship unknown) who sold on December 12, 1884 to Richard, Frank and \_\_\_\_\_? Duchemin of Provincetown. The property passed from them through Richard E. Davis and Herbert Davis to Morris (also Maurice) H. Richardson, Edwin (also Edward) L. Pierson and artist, Frank W. Benson in 1891, who bought the house for a hunting cabin and named it "Marshview". From 1925 until 1992, the house was owned by Wyman and Charlotte Richardson. Wyman Richardson was author of The House on Nauset Marsh, a best selling book consisting of a series of magazine articles using this property as its setting. The property remains in the possession of the Richardson family.

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Community: Eastham  
Property Address: 310R Nauset Road

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Area Form No. 94

### National Register of Historic Places Criteria Statement

Check all that apply:

☒ Individually eligible ☐ Eligible only in a historic district  
☐ Contributing to a potential historic district ☐ Potential historic district

Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D

Criteria Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Statement of Significance by: Dianne L. Siergiej  
*The criteria that are checked in the above sections must be justified here.*

The property at 310R Nauset Road is significant on a local level with regard to the above-referenced criteria as one of the oldest, best preserved and most picturesque examples of the rare 1/2 Cape Cod house form (house) in Eastham. It is also significant for its associations with the Doane family, descendants of John Doane, one of the founders of Nauset (Eastham), with Wyman Richardson, author of The House on Nauset Marsh, and artist Frank W. Benson who painted a mural of six life-size wild geese on the interior in 1925.

Original yellow form: Eligibility file \_\_\_\_\_  
Copies: Inventory form X \_\_\_\_\_  
Town file(w/corresp.) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Community: Eastham

**MHC OPINION: ELIGIBILITY FOR NATIONAL REGISTER**

Date Received: 10/16/95

Date Due:

Date Reviewed: 12/6/95

Type: X Individual

\_\_\_ District (Attach map indicating boundaries)

Name: Simeon Doane House

Inventory Form: EAS.94

Address: 310R Nauset Road

Requested by: Eastham Historical Commission

Action: X Honor \_\_\_ ITC \_\_\_ Grant \_\_\_ R & C \_\_\_ Other:

Agency:

Staff in charge of Review: MV

**INDIVIDUAL PROPERTIES**

X Eligible  
\_\_\_ Eligible, also in district  
\_\_\_ Eligible only in district  
\_\_\_ Ineligible  
\_\_\_ More information needed

**DISTRICTS**

\_\_\_ Eligible  
\_\_\_ Ineligible  
\_\_\_ More information needed

CRITERIA: X A X B X C \_\_\_ D

LEVEL: X Local \_\_\_ State \_\_\_ National

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE by Mark Verkennis**

The Simeon Doane House, 310R Nauset Road, was first evaluated by MHC staff in 1990. At that time, we did not have sufficient information to place the building in context with other surviving examples in the community. The new inventory form for the property clearly demonstrates its individual eligibility for listing on the National Register under Criteria A, B, and C. The property meets Criterion A for its extended associations with a locally prominent family, the Doane family. Under Criterion B, it is significant for its associations with the painter Frank Benson (a nomination for this property should establish whether this was the only property of Benson's in Massachusetts). Despite some alterations in the 1980s (e.g., the replacement of 6/9 sash with reproduction 6/6 sash windows), the building retains integrity and is significant as a well-preserved example of the 18th-century half Cape, with early 19th-century rear ell and surviving English barn and outhouse. A nomination for this property should attempt to verify more closely the earliest possible date for a house on this site.



Community: Eastham

**MHC OPINION: ELIGIBILITY FOR NATIONAL REGISTER**

Date Received:

Date Due:

Date Reviewed: 10/7/90

Type: Individual X District (Attach map indicating boundaries)

Name: A Simeon Doane House Inventory Form:

Address: 310 Nazareth Rd.  
2nd Marshview; Home on Nazareth Marsh

Requested by: Frederick Richardson (owner?)

Action: Honor ITC Grant R & C Other:

Agency:

Staff in charge of Review:

**INDIVIDUAL PROPERTIES**

☐ Eligible  
☐ Eligible, also in district  
☐ Eligible only in district  
☐ Ineligible  
☒ More information needed

**DISTRICTS**

☐ Eligible  
☐ Ineligible  
☐ More information needed

**CRITERIA:**

A

B

C

D

**LEVEL:**

Local

State

National

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE by**

MHC staff will need additional information to evaluate the eligibility of 310 Nazareth Rd for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Eastham's inventory of historic properties is incomplete outside of the Old Town Center local historic district, so it is not possible to evaluate the Simeon Doane House in relation to other similar properties in the community. On the Simeon Doane House itself, MHC staff need the following information:

More information is necessary on the association of the house with author Wymen Richardson and <sup>artist</sup> Frank Benson. More information is necessary on the careers of these two artists, ~~and the~~ the dates of ~~their~~ their association w/ the house. ~~Where~~ Was the house the principal residence for either? a summer residence? what were the beginning and dates of their association w/ the house

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More information on the 19th century associating with the Doane family are also necessary - what role did the Doanes play in local history?

MHC staff will also need additional information on the physical fabric and present condition of the property. This includes original, black-and-white photography, including the main facade of the oldest part of the building. Photographs of all elevations would be useful, as well as a plan sketch of the house, clearly indicating the different building phases. Photos and descriptions of the barn and other outbuildings also necessary.

(documentary or physical)  
No clear evidence presented for an 18th century date for the house. A 19th century const. date in no way detracts from its historical significance. What is the earliest date for which the presence of this house on this site can be established?

Photographs showing the building elements that have been altered or replaced post 1940 are also necessary (Chimney, fireplace, concrete block cellar, windows) —

Mr Richardson writes that house is ~~at~~ CC Nat Seashore Inventory # 33-76 & was deemed potentially eligible for NR 7/78 —  
No information in MHC copy of Seashore Inventory.  
as property

Also — no information on neighboring <sup>historic</sup> properties at 300 & 320 N 20th Rd — is there a ~~possible~~ potential district here?